

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Market Dominant Product Prices
Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements
with Foreign Postal Operators 1

Docket No. R2015-6

China Post Group – United States Postal Service
Multi-Product Bilateral Agreement (MC2010-35)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Competitive Product Prices
Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with
Foreign Postal Operators

Docket No. CP2015-136

China Post Group – United States Postal Service
Multi-Product Bilateral Agreement (MC2010-34)
Negotiated Service Agreement

ORDER APPROVING MODIFICATION TO EXISTING AGREEMENT

(Issued November 16, 2016)

The negotiated service agreement that is the subject of both of the above captioned dockets, a bilateral agreement (MC2010-35 and MC2010-34) between the Postal Service and China Post Group (China Post), (Agreement) is set to expire

December 31, 2016.¹ The Postal Service seeks to extend the Agreement pursuant to a Modification executed by the Postal Service and China Post.²

The Modification extends the expiration date of the Agreement until March 31, 2017. Notice at 1.

The Postal Service states that due to a variety of factors, including the complexity of the negotiations, it has not yet entered into a successor Agreement with China Post. *Id.* at 2. The extension will allow for completion of negotiations and corresponds with the parties' practice of quarterly invoicing. *Id.*

The Commission finds that the extension will not affect the Agreement's ability to comply with 39 U.S.C. § 3622(c)(10) and 39 C.F.R. § 3010.40 *et seq.* Consequently, the Commission reaffirms its findings in Order Nos. 2731 and 2708, and approves the Modification. The Agreement, as modified, is authorized to continue through March 31, 2017. Extending the Agreement is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

The Agreement, as modified, is authorized to continue through March 31, 2017.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary

¹ See Docket No. R2015-6, Order Approving Additional Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with China Post Group), September 28, 2015, at 14 (Order No. 2731); *see also* Docket No. CP2015-136, Order Approving Additional Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, September 15, 2015, at 7 (Order No. 2708).

² See Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification to an Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement and to an Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, November 15, 2016. The modification is attached to the Notice as Attachment 1 (Modification).